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SOME UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

From the Tucson Star.

Henry Fowler is one of the strongest witnesses for the prosecution in the Wham robbery trial, and it is said the defense will attempt to have his testimony impeached. It is claimed that it can be shown that he gave testimony in the Clifton stage-coach robbery, tried before Justice James Sias, some six years ago, which was not in accord with the facts.

The following details connected with that event will be of interest, and at the same time satisfy the ordinary mind that Mr Fowler's testimony at that time was just what anybody else would have given under similar circumstances.

About six years ago Henry Fowler was driver on the Pomeroy Stage Line, running out of Clifton. One morning Fowler followed the regular stage-coach out with a special, having on board about fifteen Chinamen. Driving down the street he passed Dan David (Big Dan), Doc Baker and "Big Dave," going to breakfast. Hastily eating, they followed him down the road about four miles, to a place called Big Hill, where, on account of the steepness of the road, the Chinamen had to get out and walk. Looking from the top of the hill, Fowler saw the robbers coming and suspecting their purpose, shouted to the Chinamen to hurry up. They got on and he drove rapidly forward attempting to catch the regular coach a short distance ahead. Before the brow of the hill was reached the robbers caught up and one shouted, "slow up." The driver recognized the men and stopped. The highwaymen immediately began firing, hit four Chinamen, killed three, and relieved the outfit of between two and three hundred dollars.

When Fowler reached town Mr. Cutter, engineer for the R. R., about to be put through, asked him who held him up. Fowler winked at him and said he didn't know. Justice of the Peace Mosgrave, who was on the regular coach at the time of the robbery and saw it all, said to Mr. Cutter, "You ought to make him tell who they are." Cutter answered: "Why not tell yourself; you know who they are?" Mr. Mosgrave immediately dropped the subject. As soon as it was known through the town who had made the assault everybody else treated the matter in the same manner. The fact was, Dan, Dave and Doc, and their pals, had the community completely terrorized. They carried things with a high hand and no man could call his life his own. They ruled with bullets; and when they said you no man dared say nay. They showed their utter fearlessness by riding into town a month later and demanding a trial.

There were about thirty men in the crowd each armed with two six-shooters, one in eight, the other concealed in their shirt. They had threatened to shoot their way out if any evidence was produced against them. When the marshal demanded their weapons at the door they simply handed him the one at their belt, and retained the other. Imagine a man in a small, rough, mining camp, surrounded by thirty desperate villains, ready to shoot him down, kill the Justice and murder everybody else they encounter on the street, if he testified against them—and you have Mr. Fowler's position. When asked if he identified the men, he said no, and every other man would have said the same. The entire community said he did the only thing possible. The prisoners were released. The desperate character of the gang may be seen from their future record.

Big Dan, together with Red Samples, Billy Delany, Texas Howard and Kelly, were hung at Tombstone for a murder at Bube, while John Heath was lynched for the same offense. Big Dave was run out of Apache county for robbing a store and died before captured. Doc Baker, who had formerly run with the James gang in Missouri, together with Kid Vance, Two-Belt John, Mexican John and Mormon Bill, were also driven out of the country for various crimes. Mart was killed while trying to hold up two railroad men at Clifton. Kid Lewis killed a woman in Clifton and was shot on the river by a Deputy Sheriff. "Shoot-em-up Dick" was killed near Las Cruces, Mexico, for stealing horses. Ike Clanton was shot and is now in the pen at Yuma for robbing a store in Apache county. Cherokee Kid and Sista Garcia are also in the pen. Polar was hung in Silver City, New Mexico. The other ten or twelve were of the same sort.

These latter facts are taken from the United States Marshal's records. The former can be substantiated by any of the older residents of Clifton. The Justice, James Sias, before whom the trial was held, and the above mentioned Mr. Cutter will probably be down to testify to the facts if an attempt is made to impeach Mr. Fowler's testimony.

When Mr. Fowler in the present trial was asked the question whether he did not know the parties who held up the stage at the time mentioned he said he did; and when asked if he had not stated on oath before Justice Sias, when three men had their hearing, that he did not know who held up the stage, he answered

yes, stating his reasons, a part of which are given above, and that the defendants informed him before he entered court that if he "gave them away" they would "fill him full of lead," that he knew they meant business, and he did not propose to be shot down by a gang that he knew had entire control of the town and that section of the country.

BIG GOLD BARS.

From the Mining and Scientific Press.

An item has started the rounds of the press taken from the Montana papers that the largest gold bar ever made in the world has just been cast at the United States Assay office in Helena, Montana. The bullion came from three mines, the Spotted Horse, Drumblummon and Jay Gould. In shape it is a section of a pyramid, the base being 18 1/2 inches high, and top surface 18x6 inches. Its weight is 6945 ounces or about 500 pounds avoirdupois. Its value is a trifle over \$100,000. The bar was shipped to Minneapolis to be placed on exhibition at the exposition there. As soon as the exposition at Minneapolis is over, the bar will be re-shipped to New York and placed on exhibition in that city. The display will consist of four bars of copper for a second course, four bars of silver for a third, and on top of the whole to rest the \$100,000 gold bar, and the monument will be surrounded by specimens of quartz and ore from all parts of Montana.

This will be first-rate monument of Montana's mineral resources, but the claim that the bar is the largest ever made is incorrect. One was made in this State in 1892 by the North Bloomfield Mining Co., worth \$114,000.

The writer of these paragraphs had the pleasure of seeing that bar at the time. Its weight was 511 1/2 pounds troy. The length was 15 inches, width six inches and depth seven inches. It contained 630 cubic inches of gold, worth about \$19 an ounce. The mould was cast at the Nevada City foundry from iron produced at Clipper Gap in this state. The dimensions of the mould were: on top, 17 inches long and seven inches wide; on bottom, 16 inches long and six inches wide. It contained 715 20-100 cubic inches. The thickness was three-quarters of an inch on the sides and one inch on the bottom.

It was in 1873, if we remember aright, that the Spring Valley company, this state, sent down a bar worth \$41,000 which they thought was the largest ever made. At the request of the company we made inquiries and found one had been received here from Helena, Montana, worth an even \$50,000, and several others worth \$35,000, \$41,000 and \$40,000 had been received. The Spring Valley company, Cherokee Flat, Butte county, California, then made a 35-day run with 1,000 inches of water, and with a partial cleanup of 800 feet of head flame and 14 under currents, produced a bar worth \$71,283, weighing 299 pounds. Then they shipped another worth \$90,000.

The North Bloomfield hydraulic mine then made a run and turned out the biggest bar ever made, worth \$114,000. This all came from one run of one mine, and notwithstanding the recent Helena bar from three mines, still remains the largest ever made. There is a model of the bar in the museum of the state mining bureau in this city.

Cold Waves.

Are predicted with reliable accuracy, and people liable to the pains and aches of rheumatism dread every change to damp or stormy weather. Although Hood's Sarsaparilla is not claimed to be a positive specific for rheumatism, the remarkable cures it has effected show that it may be taken for this complaint with reasonable certainty of benefit. Its action in neutralizing the acidity of the blood, which is the cause of rheumatism, constitutes the secret of the success of Hood's Sarsaparilla. If you suffer from rheumatism, give Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial; it will do you good.

The Kingston correspondent of the Hillsboro Advocate says: "The Optic says: 'Wood is \$4 a cord in Kingston, and rising. What is the price of a burro load?' As this is undoubtedly one of the burning questions of the hour, being both a social and arithmetical problem, we give below, for the benefit of the Optic, the wood table as known in Kingston:

Twenty sticks average one burro load; eight burro loads one cord.
1 cord will last a saloon store..... 10 days
" " cooking stove..... 15 "
" " parlor stove, if
the girls have beaux..... 12 "
1 cord will last a bachelor who
boards himself..... 1 mo.
1 cord will last a bachelor who
boards out..... All winter.

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In the ears, sometimes a roaring buzzing sound are caused by catarrh, that exceedingly disagreeable and very common disease. Loss of smell or hearing also result from catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is a peculiarly successful remedy for this disease, which it cures by purifying the blood. If you suffer from catarrh, try Hood's Sarsaparilla, the peculiar medicine.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Various Items of News Gathered from Our Exchanges and other Sources.

Stockman: Postmaster King has received notification from the postoffice department that after January 1st next, that department will use two "i's" in the name of our postoffice, making it "Wilcox." This is really the correct spelling, as this town was named after General O. B. Wilcox of the army; but heretofore the postoffice department has employed but one "i," likewise the Stockman. As we have no desire to be odd we suppose we will have to double up on our "i's."

Florence Enterprise: Mr. J. B. Remy is acquiring quite a reputation for his skill in wine making. He forwarded a dozen bottles of the present year's vintage to San Francisco connoisseurs who pronounce it a very superior article, needing only age to make it perfect. The Gila valley will eventually become famous for its wines and raisins among its many articles of export in the future.

Optic: A fine calf belonging to Ralph Oldham has been sick for two months past and despite the most skillful treatment of the best calfologists in the city, it continued to pine away. Yesterday it died and an autopsy made by Drs. Ralph Oldham and Thomas Hogsett revealed the astonishing fact that the calf died of an overdose of bed ticking. About two months ago an old bed tick was thrown in the back yard where the calf was grazing and the misguided animal at once fastened upon it and devoured five yards of it without taking the trouble to masticate it thoroughly. Since then it has been a constant struggle between the calf and the bed tick and latter got the best of it.

An interesting feature of the annual report of Secretary Noble is the information which it furnishes in relation to the new territory of Oklahoma. The growth of population since the date of its settlement has been truly surprising. The total number of people is now estimated at 60,000, of whom 20,000 are distributed among twenty eight towns.

J. B. Likens, Assessor of Apache county, has been suspended from office by the Supervisors for failing to turn into the county treasury \$559 which he collected for taxes. Likens' bondsmen will have to make good the amount.

Col. Max Frost has purchased the Spradling interest in the New Mexican printing company.

Times must be good at Nogales. The Herald asserts that one gambling game in that city has cleared \$3,000 during the past month.

Prospector: During the three months ending December 1st \$150,000 worth of goods passed through the Nogales custom house into Mexico. This represents the value of the merchandise before it left the country in Europe from which it was exported. It consisted of boots, shoes, clothing, dress goods, etc., which should be supplied them from the United States.

El Paso Herald: A company has been formed of capitalists, principally from the east with \$1,000,000, to start a lottery and gaming house in Juarez. They have leased the new two story brick building of Ochoa's now in course of erection on the main street, corner of the Mexican Central track. The house will be finished by the 20th of December, if not sooner. The company held a meeting in Juarez on Saturday and organized and will commence business as soon as possible.

About his Brother.

Several years ago my brother, who lives with me, had a very strange sore to break out on his leg—about half way between the body and the knee—which afterwards developed into a rose cancer. It resulted from a bruise made by the rubbing of the stirrup-leather while riding.

The cancer continued to grow until it was about five inches long, and three wide. The flesh sloughed off, black, rotten and foul, and it was almost impossible to procure a servant that would wait upon him, the air in the room where he lay being so foul that it would sicken anyone who entered. Every physician of any prominence in the State was consulted, and treated my brother without success. One doctor finally advised him to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.); he did so, and used nothing else. He commenced to improve immediately, and after taking several bottles was completely cured, since 1884 not a symptom of the disease has manifested itself. G. A. GRIFFITH, Mayflower, Ark.

His Health Broke Down.

Last summer my appetite failed, my health became poor and I was in a very feeble condition, in fact, I was compelled to give up all business on account of my health. I tried physicians and their medicines, but without avail. At length I began taking S. S. S. and nothing else. After taking several bottles I was entirely cured and able to resume business I increased nineteen pounds in weight in less than a month after I commenced taking S. S. S. J. M. MANN, Abbeville, S. C.

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